

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
MARCUS MATTINGLY,  
Defendant.

2:21-cr-00230-APG-VCF

## **Report and Recommendation**

MOTION TO SUPPRESS [ECF NO. 30];  
MOTION TO SUPPRESS FRUITS OF  
FACEBOOK WARRANT (EVIDENTIARY  
HEARING REQUESTED) [ECF NO. 34]

Defendant Marcus Mattingly filed two motions to suppress. ECF Nos. 30 and 34. I held an evidentiary hearing. ECF No. 49. I recommend denying the motions to suppress. ECF Nos. 30 and 34.

## I. Background

**a. First Motion to Suppress**

On August 17, 2021, a grand jury returned an indictment charging Mattingly with felon in possession of a firearm in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924 (a)(2). ECF No. 22. Mattingly argues in his first motion to suppress that the police lacked probable cause to do a “parole search” of the hotel room he was staying in, that was checked out to a woman named Charli Hughes, and where officers found a black handgun underneath a mattress. ECF No. 30 at 9. Defendant

1 argues that the subsequent search warrant lacked probable cause because it wrongfully relied on the  
2 invocation of his parole search condition to search underneath the mattress. *Id.*

3 The government argues that searching Mattingly's hotel room was lawful because even though  
4 the hotel room was checked out to Hughes, the hotel room was under his control since he was staying  
5 there. ECF No. 31 at 1. The government argues that the terms of Mattingly's parole included a clause  
6 that any area under his control could be searched at any time. *Id.* The government also points out that the  
7 parole officer who accompanied the detective invoked the search clause in Mattingly's parole agreement  
8 and the parole officer found the gun. *Id.* The government argues that the subsequent search warrant is  
9 valid and the search of Mattingly's hotel room was lawful under the conditions of Mattingly's parole. *Id.*  
10 at 7. The government also argues that if the hotel room is *not* under defendant's control, then he does not  
11 have standing to challenge the search. *Id.*

12 The defendant argues in its reply that Mr. Mattingly did not have sufficient control over the hotel  
13 room to bring it within the purview of his parole search clause. ECF No. 32 at 2. The defendant argues  
14 that an overnight guest would have a reasonable expectation of privacy in the room and thus have  
15 standing to challenge the search. *Id.* at 5.

16 **b. Second Motion to Suppress**

17 Defendant states in his second motion to suppress that on February 6, 2020, the Nevada  
18 Department of Corrections issued a parole violation for him based on use of controlled substances,  
19 failures to report, and alleged absconder status. ECF No. 34. He alleges that Henderson Police  
20 Department Detective Redsull applied for, and was granted, a search warrant for Mattingly's Facebook  
21 account. ECF No. 34. Defendant argues that the Facebook search warrant lacked sufficient probable  
22 cause and was overbroad. *Id.*

23 The government argues that Mattingly was the subject of an arrest warrant for violating the  
24 conditions of his parole. ECF No. 41 at 1. The government argues that local police also had probable  
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1 cause to arrest Mattingly for a stabbing that occurred in Henderson. *Id.* The government argues that the  
2 search warrant contained sufficient probable cause demonstrating the Facebook account belonged to  
3 Mattingly and a fair probability that evidence would be found there. *Id.* The government also argues that  
4 the search warrant was not overbroad because it specified a particular crime for which evidence was  
5 sought and had a temporal limit. *Id.* at 2.

6 The defendant argues that Detective Redsull's affidavit to obtain the search warrant was devoid  
7 of any facts that would support probable cause. ECF No. 42 at 1. Mattingly argues that the affidavit did  
8 not show that he was actively using his Facebook account. *Id.* at 3. The defendant also argues that the  
9 affidavit was overbroad because it sought communications within the temporal limit. *Id.*

10 **c. The Evidentiary Hearing**

11 The government called Detective Redsull and Parole Officer Eric Chandler as witnesses at the  
12 evidentiary hearing. ECF No. 49. Detective Redsull testified that as a result of the Facebook search  
13 warrant, he learned of IP addresses that showed that someone logged into the Mattingly Facebook  
14 account from the Cancun hotel. Detective Redsull testified that on April 1, 2020, he contacted  
15 management at the Cancun hotel to see if Mattingly had a room there, and he did not. Resdull testified  
16 that since it was the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, the hotel had few guests due to the shutdowns  
17 and cancelations. Redsull testified that he looked through the registrations to see if he recognized any  
18 names and he recognized one: Charli Hughes. He testified that he knew that Hughes was associated with  
19 Redsull, likely because of Facebook, but he could not recall exactly how her name came up in the  
20 investigation. He also testified that, based on his knowledge and experience, fugitives usually do not put  
21 hotel rooms in their names.

22 Detective Redsull testified that he learned that Hughes checked in on March 29, 2020, so he  
23 started looking at surveillance video around the time of check-in. Redsull testified he saw Mattingly,  
24 Hughes, and another woman, get in the elevator to go up to the floor where the hotel room at issue is  
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1 located. He also testified that he took still shots of the surveillance footage, but he did not download it at  
2 the time because he was there to locate the fugitive. Detective Redsull testified that he started doing  
3 surveillance on the hotel room and he saw Mattingly on the hotel room balcony on April 1, 2020.  
4 Detective Redsull went back the next day, on April 2, 2020, and he saw Mattingly on the same balcony  
5 again in the morning.

6 Parole Officer Chandler testified that he relied on Detective Redsull's representation that  
7 Mattingly was at the Cancun hotel. Parole Officer Chandler went to the hotel for the first time on April  
8 2, 2020. Both Detective Redsull and Officer Chandler testified that the hotel had a living room, a master  
9 bedroom, and a spare bedroom. Both officers testified that when the SWAT team entered the premises,  
10 Mattingly was in the spare room and the door to the spare room was locked. The officers also both  
11 testified that when Mattingly realized that the swat team was outside he came out of the spare room and  
12 he was taken into custody. Both Detective Redsull and Officer Chandler testified that they saw male  
13 clothing in the spare room, and Mattingly was the only male there.

14 Officer Chandler testified that he relied on the parole agreement to search the room. Officer  
15 Chandler testified that he searched the spare bedroom that Mattingly had locked himself in. Officer  
16 Chandler found a bag with Mattingly's wallet and ID. Officer Chandler located a firearm between the  
17 box spring and the mattress in the bed that was in the spare room.

18 **II. Discussion**

19 The Fourth Amendment confers the right for people to "be secure in their persons, houses,  
20 papers and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures..." U.S. Const. amend. IV. To protect  
21 this right, under normal circumstances, law enforcement must procure a search warrant before they are  
22 able to legally invade the privacy of another. *Steele v. United States*, 267 U.S. 498 (1925). For a search  
23 warrant to be valid, it must be supported by an affidavit establishing probable cause. *United States v.*  
24 *Mayer*, 560 F.3d 948, 958 (9th Cir. 2009). The United States Supreme Court created the exclusionary  
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1 rule as “a deterrent sanction that bars the prosecution from introducing evidence obtained by way of a  
 2 Fourth Amendment violation.” *Davis v. United States*, 564 U.S. 229, 231–32 (2011).

3       “A state has an ‘overwhelming interest’ in supervising parolees because ‘parolees are more  
 4 likely to commit future criminal offenses’...Similarly, this Court has repeatedly acknowledged that a  
 5 State’s interests in reducing recidivism and thereby promoting reintegration and positive citizenship  
 6 among probationers and parolees warrant privacy intrusions that would not otherwise be tolerated under  
 7 the Fourth Amendment.” *Samson v. California*, 547 U.S. 843, 852 (2006) quoting *Pennsylvania Bd. of  
 8 Probation and Parole v. Scott*, 524 U.S. 357 (1998). “[P]arolees have fewer expectations of privacy than  
 9 probationers, because parole is more akin to imprisonment than probation is to imprisonment.” *Id.* at  
 10 850. “[A] suspicionless search of a parolee...when conducted in accordance with the ‘clear and  
 11 unambiguous’ terms of a lawfully imposed search condition, will generally be deemed reasonable under  
 12 the Fourth Amendment.” *Cervantes*, 859 F.3d at 1183 (quoting *Samson v. California*, 547 U.S. 843,  
 13 852-54 (2006)).

14       “[A] hotel room is not ordinarily a residence... [the] question is whether the room was under [the  
 15 defendant’s] control.” *United States v. Cervantes*, 859 F.3d 1175, 1182 (9th Cir. 2017), *as amended on  
 16 denial of reh’g and reh’g en banc* (Sept. 12, 2017). “A search of a parolee that complies with the terms  
 17 of a valid search condition will usually be deemed reasonable under the Fourth Amendment.” *Id.* at  
 18 1183. “The search condition validates a search only if the police had advance knowledge that the search  
 19 condition applied before they conducted the search.” *United States v. Caseres*, 533 F.3d 1064, 1076 (9th  
 20 Cir. 2008).

21       “An overnight guest has a legitimate expectation of privacy in his host’s home[.]” *Minnesota v.  
 22 Olson*, 495 U.S. 91, 98 (1990); see also *Minnesota v. Carter*, 525 U.S. 83, 90, 119 S.Ct. 469, 142  
 23 L.Ed.2d 373 (1998) (making important distinction between overnight guests and casual guests, holding  
 24 that “an overnight guest in a home may claim the protection of the Fourth Amendment, but one who is  
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1 merely present with the consent of the householder may not"); and *United States v. Grandberry*, 730  
 2 F.3d 968 (9th Cir. 2013) ("Parolee had standing to assert that search of girlfriend's apartment violated  
 3 the Fourth Amendment by virtue of his status as overnight guest there.")

4        "An affidavit in support of a search warrant demonstrates probable cause if, under the totality of  
 5 the circumstances, it reveals a fair probability that ... evidence of a crime will be found in a particular  
 6 place." *United States v. Celestine*, 324 F.3d 1095, 1102 (9th Cir. 2003) citing *Illinois v. Gates*, 462 U.S.  
 7 213, 238 (1983). "The validity of a search warrant depends upon the sufficiency of what is found within  
 8 the four corners of the underlying affidavit. An affidavit is sufficient if it establishes probable cause; that  
 9 is, if the stated facts would reasonably allow a magistrate to believe that the evidence will be found in  
 10 the stated location." *United States v. Taylor*, 716 F.2d 701, 705 (9th Cir. 1983). Courts should "give  
 11 great deference to an issuing judge's finding that probable cause supports the warrant" *United States v.*  
 12 *Flores*, 802 F.3d 1028, 1043 (9th Cir. 2015) citing *United States v. Grant*, 682 F.3d 827, 832 (9th Cir.  
 13 2012) and will be overturned only if it is "clearly erroneous." *United States v. Stanert*, 762 F.2d 775,  
 14 778 (9th Cir.1985).

15        "Probable cause determinations are 'commonsense, practical' questions, and a 'fair probability'  
 16 is less even than a preponderance of the evidence." *Flores*, 802 F.3d at 1044, quoting *United States v.*  
 17 *Gourde*, 440 F.3d 1065, 1069 (9th Cir. 2006). "[D]ata is frequently preserved and recovered after  
 18 deletion from an electronic device, particularly when a third party like Facebook is involved." *Flores*,  
 19 802 F.3d at 1044, but also see *United States v. Artis*, 919 F.3d 1123, 1135 ("The informant's tip plus the  
 20 corroborating notifications found on Artis' phone sufficed—although barely—to establish probable  
 21 cause that Hopkins was using the targeted cell phone.")

22        The warrant clause of the Fourth Amendment categorically prohibits the issuance of any warrant  
 23 except one particularly describing the place to be searched and the persons or things to be seized.  
 24 *Maryland v. Garrison*, 480 U.S. 79, 84 (1987). The purpose of the particularity requirement is to prevent  
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1 general searches. *Id.* By limiting the authorization to search the specific areas and things for which there  
 2 is probable cause to search, the particularity requirement ensures that the search will be carefully  
 3 tailored to its justifications, and will not become a wide-ranging, exploratory search the Fourth  
 4 Amendment prohibits. *Id.*

5 To satisfy the particularity requirement of the Fourth Amendment “a warrant must comply with  
 6 two related but distinct rules. First, it must describe the place to be searched or things to be seized with  
 7 sufficient particularity, taking account of “the circumstances of the case and the types of items  
 8 involved...Second, it must be no broader than the probable cause on which it is based.” *United States v.*  
 9 *Weber*, 923 F.2d 1338, 1342 (9th Cir. 1990) quoting *United States v. Spilotro*, 800 F.2d 959, 963 (9th  
 10 Cir. 1986). “Over-seizing is an accepted reality in electronic searching because ‘there is no way to be  
 11 sure exactly what an electronic file contains without somehow examining its contents.’ *Flores*, 802 F.3d  
 12 at 1044-45 citing *United States v. Comprehensive Drug Testing, Inc.*, 621 F.3d 1162, 1176-77 (9th Cir.  
 13 2010).

14 **a. Analysis of the First Motion to Suppress (ECF No. 30)**

15 To establish standing to seek suppression, Mattingly relies on the “overnight guest” exception.  
 16 See *Olson*, 495 U.S. 91, 98 and *Grandberry*, 730 F.3d 968. In *Grandberry*, the defendant-parolee  
 17 submitted a declaration stating that the apartment was his girlfriend's and that he had stayed there  
 18 overnight as an invited guest. *Id.* at 973. I find that Detective Redsull credibly testified that he saw  
 19 Mattingly on the hotel balcony on the afternoon of April 1, 2020, and again on the same balcony the  
 20 morning of April 2, 2020. I find that Mattingly stayed overnight in the hotel room, so Mattingly has  
 21 standing to bring this motion.

22 It is undisputed that the officers knew that the defendant was on parole at the time of the search  
 23 given that (1) the defendant was wanted for parole violations; (2) the parole officer accompanied the  
 24 detective and invoked the search clause in Mattingly's parole agreement and (3) the parole officer found  
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1 the gun. At the time of the search, the defendant was subject to a written parole condition stating that "I  
2 shall submit my person, property, place of residence, vehicle, or **areas under my control** to search at any  
3 time of the day or night, with or without a search warrant or with or without cause, for evidence of a  
4 crime or violation of parole by a Parole Officer or any other Peace Officer." See ECF No. 31-3  
5 (emphasis added).

6 Mattingly's case differs from *Grandberry* because that case involved an overnight stay at  
7 someone's residence. This case involves the defendant staying overnight as a guest of the hotel, which  
8 was no one's residence. Mattingly, Hughes, and the other woman in the elevator were all guests of the  
9 hotel, regardless of which name was on the registration. In *Cervantes*, the Ninth Circuit held that even  
10 though Cervantes had a permanent residence elsewhere, the hotel room he was staying in was under his  
11 control. The hotel room was reserved and paid for by Cervantes' girlfriend and the two of them were  
12 staying there temporarily as co-occupants. *Cervantes*, 859 F.3d at 1183. I find that Detective Redsull  
13 and Officer Chandler had probable cause to believe that hotel room was under defendant's control.  
14 Although the hotel room was checked out to Hughes and not to Mattingly himself, Detective Redsull  
15 knew that Mattingly stayed overnight in the room checked out to her.

16 Both officers also saw male clothing in the room and neither of the other people with access to  
17 the room were male. I find that both officers testified credibly. I find that the Mattingly's act of locking  
18 himself in the spare room shows that he was exercising control over that room. I also find that the fact  
19 that Mattingly's clothes and his wallet with his identification were in the room, rather than on his  
20 person, is indicative of someone who has control over the room. There is nothing to show that the  
21 defendant was unaware of his parole search condition. Mattingly signed the parole agreement and  
22 agreed to this condition. The search of the hotel room was reasonable and legal. Officer Chandler  
23 invoked the search clause that Mattingly agreed to as a condition of his parole and found a gun during  
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1 that lawful search. Detective Redsell then relied upon Officer Chandler's observations to obtain a valid  
2 search warrant.

3 **b. The Second Motion to Suppress (ECF No. 34)**

4 Detective Redsell stated in the affidavit that the Facebook account had the username  
5 "marcus.mattingly.18" and several pictures of Mattingly were on the account. See ECF No. 31-1. It was  
6 reasonable for Detective Redsell to believe that the account belonged to Mattingly because the account  
7 was in his name and included pictures of him. Detective Redsell also swore in his affidavit that  
8 Mattingly was a fugitive and that he was part of a team that helps find fugitives. Detective Redsell also  
9 stated that there was already an arrest warrant for Mattingly for a parole violation. I find that the  
10 affidavit demonstrates probable cause under the totality of the circumstances because it reveals a fair  
11 probability that evidence of Mattingly's whereabouts would be revealed via the Facebook account. The  
12 facts that Detective Redsell provided in his affidavit would reasonably allow a magistrate to believe that  
13 the evidence of his whereabouts would be found via the Facebook account.

14 The defendant's assertion that Detective Redsell did not include a statement that he believed the  
15 defendant was actively using the Facebook account is not well supported. In the Facebook search  
16 warrant, Detective Redsell sought electronic evidence stored on social media to help locate the  
17 defendant via the defendant's communications, including historical and prospective content. The  
18 affidavit for the search warrant states that, "[a]ffiant knows through training and experience that  
19 suspects will commonly use Facebook messenger to communicate." See Government Exhibit 2 at  
20 000205. The prospective content included seeking IP addresses and functioned as a PEN register, which  
21 is outlined in the search warrant. *Id.* I find that there was a fair probability that Detective Redsell would  
22 find evidence of Mattingly's location via the Facebook account. Detective Redsell's affidavit supporting  
23 the warrant established probable cause to search Mattingly's Facebook account.

The affidavit is also not overbroad. The warrant allowed the government to search only the Facebook account associated with Mattingly's name and specified a specific crime. The affidavit also contained a reasonable temporal limitation (60-days prior to and following the issuance of the warrant). *Id.* at 000192. Detective Redsull specified that he was searching for information related to Mattingly's location. This temporal limitation is narrow. It significantly limited the scope of the warrant so that Detective Redsull could find clues to the defendant's location within the 120-day time limit. Detective Redsull had no way to be sure which electronic communication, within the narrow time limit, would contain clues to the defendant's location without examining its contents. The affidavit supporting the search warrant in this case is not overbroad.

**ACCORDINGLY,**

I RECOMMEND that both of defendant Marcus Mattingly's motions to suppress (ECF No. 30 and 34) be DENIED.

DATED this 18th day of February 2022.

Cam Ferenbach

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE